

# **CITY OF HAYWARD**

## **AGENDA REPORT**

AGENDA DATE 06/13/06

AGENDA ITEM 5

WORK SESSION ITEM \_\_\_\_\_

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Alameda County Climate Protection Project

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing Hayward's participation in the County Climate Protection Project.

### **DISCUSSION:**

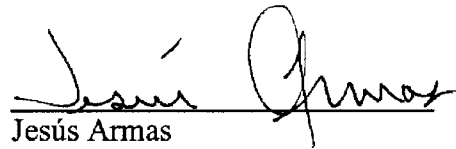
Under the leadership of Mayors Roberta Cooper, Tom Bates (Berkeley) and Sheila Young (San Leandro), the Alameda County Conference of Mayors is proposing a major countywide initiative to reduce waste, cut energy use and save money. The Conference urges that the County and Cities work together to develop a countywide strategy which seeks to reduce emissions that cause global warming and increase sustainability.

In support of this initiative, the Conference proposes to utilize a systematic framework developed by ICLEI—Local Government for Sustainability under the auspices of the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign. Working with ICLEI and Campaign participants, Hayward would:

1. Conduct a local emissions inventory and forecast of greenhouse gas emissions.
2. Develop an emissions reduction target.
3. Prepare an action plan to achieve the target.
4. Implement the approved action plan.
5. Evaluate, monitor and review progress in meeting the stated targets.

Participation in the Campaign requires membership in ICLEI and financial support in the amount of \$10,000. Because the Campaign has a focus which is consistent with the goal of waste reduction adopted by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority, the Authority has determined that jurisdictions participating in the Campaign can utilize funds received through the Waste Import Mitigation Fund for this purpose, thereby avoiding an impact to the general fund. The Authority has agreed to assume a lead role in coordinating the gathering of data and information related to the first three elements described above. Additionally, ICLEI would provide technical and other assistance to enable Hayward to develop a template that can be modified to meet objectives which are specific to our community.

Increasingly, local governments throughout the country are coming to the realization that addressing the impacts of global warming requires action at the local level. The initiative proposed by the Mayors Conference is presented in this spirit. Accordingly, adoption of the attached resolution will enable Hayward to work cooperatively with the County and the fourteen cities in the County to do our part to address this critical issue.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jesús Armas", is written over a horizontal line.

Jesús Armas  
City Manager

Attachment

**DRAFT**

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL



RESOLUTION NO. 06-

Introduced by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HAYWARD'S  
MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTY  
CLIMATE PROTECTION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, scientific consensus has developed that Carbon Dioxide (CO2) and other greenhouse gasses released in to the atmosphere have a profound effect on the Earth's climate; and

WHEREAS, 162 countries including the United States pledged under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, energy consumption, specifically the burning of fossil fuels, accounts for more than 80% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, local governments influence communities' emissions by exercising key powers over land use, transportation, construction, waste management, and energy management; and

WHEREAS, local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs, reducing energy expenditures , and saving money for the local government, its businesses and its residents; and

WHEREAS, StopWaste.org (Alameda County Waste Management Authority) is allowing Alameda County jurisdictions to use funding from their Waste Mitigation Fund to pay for the development of greenhouse gas emissions inventories and Local Climate Action plans as part of the Alameda County Climate Protection Project; and

WHEREAS, the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, sponsored by ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, has invited the City of Hayward to become a member of ICLEI and a partner in the Campaign; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Mayors Conference urges its members to participate in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hayward commits to ICLEI membership and participation in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and, as a participant pledges to take a leadership role in promoting public awareness about the causes and impacts of climate change; and commits to allocate \$10,000 from its Waste Mitigation Fund to receive the added assistance made available through the framework of the Alameda County Climate Protection Project.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney of the City of Hayward